

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A coating system for implants having a metallic main body, which is optionally covered with one or more intermediate layers, and in which the coating system comprises a coating applied thereto to increase the tissue compatibility, wherein the coating comprises a polysaccharide layer made of
 - (a) chitosan and
 - (b) hyaluronic acid and/or hyaluronic acid derivatives,

and wherein the chitosan is present at least in partial areas or partial layers, and further wherein the polysaccharide layer has a composition such that the in vivo degradation of the polysaccharide layer is slowed from the outside in the direction of the main body of the implant.
2. (cancelled)
3. (currently amended) The coating system according to claim [[2]] 1, wherein the polysaccharide layer comprises an adhesion-promoting layer made of chitosan.
4. (previously presented) The coating system according to claim 3, wherein the adhesion-promoting layer is 0.1 to 50 μm thick.
5. (previously presented) The coating system according to claim 1, wherein a component of the chitosan in the total weight of the polysaccharide layer is not more than 50 weight-percent.
6. (previously presented) The coating system according to claim 1, wherein the hyaluronic acid and hyaluronic acid derivatives have an average molecular weight between 300,000 and 500,000 Dalton after sterilization of the implant.
7. (previously presented) The coating system according to claim 6, wherein the average molecular weight is between 380,000 and 420,000 Dalton.

8. (cancelled)
9. (currently amended) The coating system according to claim [[8]] 1, wherein an internal area of the polysaccharide layer is not degradable, at least completely, within two years.
10. (previously presented) The coating system according to claim 9, wherein the internal area is 3 to 50 μm thick.
11. (currently amended) The coating system according to claim [[8]] 1, wherein an external area of the polysaccharide layer is degradable in vivo within 100 days.
12. (previously presented) The coating system according to claim 11, wherein the external area is 10 to 250 μm thick.
13. (currently amended) ~~The coating system according to claim 8,~~ A coating system for implants having a metallic main body, which is optionally covered with one or more intermediate layers, and in which the coating system comprises a coating applied thereto to increase the tissue compatibility,
wherein the coating comprises a polysaccharide layer made of
 - (a) chitosan and
 - (b) hyaluronic acid and/or hyaluronic acid derivatives,and wherein the polysaccharide layer has a composition such that the in vivo degradation of the polysaccharide layer is slowed from the outside in the direction of the main body of the implant, wherein the polysaccharide layer comprises at least two partial layers having different degradation behaviors, the degradation behavior within each partial layer being able to be fixed continuously changeably or constant over the partial layer.
14. (previously presented) The coating system according to claim 13, wherein the polysaccharide layer comprises an internal partial layer which is degradable by not more than 20 weight-percent in vivo within 2 years.

15. (previously presented) The coating system according to claim 14, wherein the internal partial layer is 3 to 50 μm thick.
16. (previously presented) The coating system according to claim 13, wherein the polysaccharide layer comprises an external partial layer which is degradable by at least more than 50 weight-percent within 100 days in vivo.
17. (previously presented) The coating system according to claim 16, wherein the external partial layer is 10 to 250 μm thick.
18. (currently amended) The coating system according to claim [[8]] 1, wherein a layer thickness of the polysaccharide layer is between 10-400 μm .
19. (previously presented) The coating system according to claim 18, wherein the layer thickness is 50-120 μm .
20. (currently amended) The coating system according to claim [[8]] 1, wherein the hyaluronic acid, the hyaluronic acid derivatives, and the chitosan are components of the polysaccharide layer as individual substances, copolymers, or block polymers made of hyaluronic acid, hyaluronic acid derivatives, and chitosan, or in the form of mixtures of the above-mentioned individual substances.
21. (previously presented) The coating system according to claim 1, wherein the polysaccharide layer is immobilized covalently or through physisorption on the implant.
22. (cancelled)
23. (cancelled)
24. (previously presented) An endovascular implant comprising the coating system of claim 1.
25. (previously presented) An implantable tissue stimulator comprising the coating system of claim 1.